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# A MEMBER OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY OF CLUBS









#### WELCOME TO SIX NEW NATIONAL COUNCILLORS



The July National Council Meeting at Bristol saw a unique occasion when we welcomed six new national councillors to the meeting and agreed to restore a region. Introducing the new councillors from left to right:

Kevin Lovett - caretaker for the newly restored Region 7 (Greater Manchester) - Cheadle & Gatley and Dragons

Nick Morcumb - Region 11 (Cheshire and North West Midlands) - Whitchurch & District

Kevin Chard - Region 21 (Mid West0 - Norton-Radstock and OBEs

Derek Knowlden - Region 20 (Thames Valley) - Isis

Clive Thompson - Region 14 (West Midlands) - Lichfield Spires

Steve James - Region 13 (South Wales) - Pontypridd

A warm welcome to them all. They are very keen to meet as many members of their regions as possible so why not invite them along to one of your meetings or special events. There contact details can be found on the club website www.41club.org.

The National Council meets four times a year and all meetings are open to any member of 41 Club to attend as an observer.

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#### 70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH



# YOU NEED TO BOOK INTO THIS EVENT AS TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!!!

Our 70th Anniversary Lunch on Saturday September 12th is fast approaching and it's going to be the biggest event of our 70th Charter Year and the demand and for tickets is increasing. We want 500 of you to enjoy the fun and fellowship of a fabulous lunch at the Armouries in Leeds and to remember the day with affection until our next Charter in ten years' time, BOOK NOW to make certain you and your Club are there.

We have a quality speaker in Martyn Lewis, the Newsreader and Broadcaster, to entertain you. A Brass Band to get you singing and performing to the Dambusters, with a guest appearance of some mini 'Lancasters' flying again just for this very special day.

The ticket price include a half bottle of wine, a four course lunch and a quality unique gift for all attendees. Why not get a table of 10 together for your Club to make the day even more special?

The Armouries in Leeds is so easy to get to with the train station within walking distance and a huge multistory car park just around the corner if you're driving there. The venue is signposted off of the Motorways

and if you wanted to stay over there are lots of hotels close by.

Further details are available from Past National President Martin Green by emailing him at <a href="mailto:41seventieth@martingreen.biz">41seventieth@martingreen.biz</a>

To book download a form from the website <u>www.41club.org/pages/70th-lunch</u> where you can either book on line, download a form for posting and find out further information. You can also pay on line or send a cheque with your Booking Form.

Don't miss out on this brilliant 41 Club occasion book soon to reserve your place, or better still your table, see you in Leeds on the 12th September!

#### Terry Cooper National President



#### **REGION 24 VAUGHAN HARRIS GOLF TROPHY**

A great afternoon and evening of fun and fellowship took place at the Region 24 inaugural Vaughan Harris Golf Trophy and Platinum Dinner at Woldingham Golf Club, Surrey on 5 June.

It's good when a plan comes together... a few days before the event, I asked my fellow 'W&C' member Roger Brodie what his handicap was... "25, though I've never played to it" was the sad, weary response. "Friday could be the day for you then!" I replied. "Yeah, right..." came the depressed response.

What a result therefore on the day when Roger swept all before him with a superb 41 points (for non-golfers, that's a bloody good round – and is normally greeted with shouts of 'bandit'!) to win the inaugural Vaughan Harris Trophy.

For all the weary souls making their way around the course under a glorious hot Sahara-like Sun, alcoholic refreshments were provided at a couple of 'Halfway Houses'. Graham Hunter of Wimbledon resigned from his caddy role and took full advantage to refresh himself with 2/3 of a bottle of Jura instead!

After the golf we were joined on the sun-drenched patio by National President Terry Cooper and Vaughan's widow Jill Harris.

As organiser and Chairman, my blushes were saved by my wife who drove all the way to the Club to hand me my Chairman's gong (in front of everyone) that I'd forgotten to pick up that morning.. (well, I had a lot to think about!).

In the evening, the teams were awarded their prizes and Roger was presented with the Vaughan Harris trophy by Jill Harris, with Jill saying how much Vaughan would've enjoyed the day. National President Terry spoke about Vaughan and about the achievement of 41 Club reaching its Platinum age.

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club presented him with a donation towards his Stroke Association Charity and Jill Harris with a donation to her charity Round Table Children's Wish.

That night, my wife Chris and I hosted Terry – but apparently I was slurring my words as we sat back and reflected on the the day. Chris (now slightly less-lovingly) even remarked "Pete – you've had a skin-full haven't you!". Ah well, such is life...

I would like to publicly thank my organising committee of Alan Sharp, Rodney Allen, Bob Harris and Ian Fowkes-Smith for ensuring the event took place - they did a great job!

Many thanks to all those who supported the event.

Peter McBride, Chairman Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club



# WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF 41 CLUB?

It was suggested at our recent AGM in Harrogate that a representative a number of Clubs might like to attend a meeting at Marchesi House in Birmingham, in September or early October, to participate in a discussion about the future Plans and Governance of our Association.

The following Clubs volunteered on the day to attend such a meeting and they will form the first 12 of the attendees. In no particular order they were London Old Tablers', Litchfield, Haverhill, Southend, Shaftesbury and Gillingham, Wolverhampton, Woking, Wokingham, Ashby, Market Harborough, Henleaze and Wareham.

You will notice from the Club names that they are mainly based in the Midlands and South. National Council felt at it's meeting a couple of weeks ago that it would be great if we could get representation from other parts of the UK. So we're inviting Clubs from Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the far South West, the North and East if they would like come forward to make the Clubs participating up to a maximum of 20.

It's on a first come first served basis so if your Club would like a place at the meeting then please register your interest by sending an email to the National Vice President Barry Durman. Barry's email address is <a href="mailto:vicepresident@41club.org">vicepresident@41club.org</a> and please respond by the end of July so we can add you to the list.

**Terry Cooper, National President** 

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

A Post AGM Review of the Two (Unsuccessful) 2015 Harrogate AGM Membership Resolutions, Resolution 1 (Honorary Members) and Resolution 2 (Selective Membership [Non-Feeder-Table Dispensation Rule])

Knowing the membership figures helps to better understand the predicament of 41 Club and Round Table. Membership figures as at March 2015 (note trends are downwards/falling): Round Table 404 clubs/3,980 members, 41 Club 770 clubs/16,600 members.

My observation of the business case is this: Long term membership trends suggest that the size of Round Table is below a <u>critical mass</u> necessary to survive, or be revived, on its own. Round Table benefits from 41 Club support when appropriate, but as 41 Club membership is inextricably linked to Round Table, both are likely to fail unless 41 Club membership is opened up to an alternative source of membership (by definition non ex-tablers) in some acceptable way.

The intention behind both membership resolutions was to create a situation where individual clubs had choice and opportunity to do what they needed and wished to do regarding membership. The tone of communications I had prior the AGM implied almost all were in favour of Resolution 1 and a majority were in favour of Resolution 2. Many 41 Clubs with strong feeder Tables abstained from debating Resolution 2 because it didn't affect them, hence one reason for the reduced level of support for Resolution 2 during the vote.

Having a local viable 41 Club would seem a desirable prerequisite for restarting a closed Round Table. A local 41 Club would help generate local interest and provide initial support and guidance, that is if a determined group of local gentlemen under 45 wished to attempt a table restart. Had either of the two Retford membership resolutions been successful there would have been a strong possibility of saving and growing those 41 Clubs bereft of feeder Tables. To me, that would seem an ideal legacy, this opportunity has been lost at this point in time.

During the voting, I thought Resolution 1 looked to have a clear majority of votes in favour (green cards), but seemed short of the two thirds required for a rule change. In the seats where I sat we had several false calls for the re-raising of voting cards before a teller eventually arrived to undertake a count. During that final count a number of green cards raised in support during the voting on my left seemed to have gone missing.

So, subsequent to the Harrogate AGM at which the two Retford membership resolutions didn't achieve the two thirds majority of the votes required to implement a rule change, the Association remains in a state of falling membership with a set of inveterate membership rules that will ultimately cause the demise of the Association itself, unless changed. Around 150 delegate votes were registered at the AGM from a possible 770 clubs, not really representative. There are two

ideologies, the hard-core traditionalists who don't want change and the pragmatists who seek to resolve or by-pass problems.

At the AGM the traditionalists failed to suggest any new ideas and besides it's really not possible to keep asking for more from even less, although in some catchment areas both organisations appear to be vibrant, credit to their members and recruitment effort. Elsewhere and more commonly there exists a striking contrast to this, especially at Clubs without a feeder table. These Clubs may find themselves struggling for membership and at some point are likely to contemplate closure or disaffiliation under existing membership rules. Many deserve credit because without their willingness to contrive ways of sidestepping repressive membership rules more 41 Clubs would have closed than has been the case.

I will pose a question: Current membership rules are likely to force Clubs and the Association to close unless changed, so why shouldn't Clubs take steps to save themselves in the likelihood that the Association will follow at some point in time or close?

Voting delegates usually make up their minds on which way to vote before the day of the AGM. The rationale for each AGM resolution is published in the AGM documentation and elsewhere. However, additional benefits attributable to resolutions might not be known until the AGM speeches and by then it's probably too late to influence delegates' opinions. For example membership Resolution 1 would have provided the following additional benefits:

- Invokes parity of honorary members' eligibility for full 41 Club membership (currently RTBI honoraries can join, 41 Club honoraries cannot).
- An expected increase in 41 Club membership, reversing years of declining membership.
- An increase in membership would result in increased capitation income.
- Seamless implementation at local 41 Club level, there is no change in active personnel associated with Clubs.
- Robust local 41 Club membership enables local 41 Clubs to assist revive flagging Round Tables, roll out new Tables and resurrect closed Tables.
- Growth in Round Table membership would lead to more retiring ex-Tablers eligible for 41 Club.
- An increase in membership would underpin continuity of the strong links the Association has with many worthwhile charities.

I'm sure that the additional benefits above went largely unnoticed prior to the AGM. I attempted to draw attention to these when speaking with club officials and delegates. I also emailed the above list of additional benefits to most clubs via their club contact.

Prior to the AGM clubs need to make decisions, nominate/ authorise delegates or find proxies. Clubs usually meet only once a month and with only six or so weeks between the AGM documentation becoming available and the AGM much needs to done in that time period. Unless clubs prepare themselves to manage that time period, many may struggle to review/discuss important AGM resolutions and arrange their delegate or proxy. For contentious high profile resolutions, the effort required to garner support for change is more demanding because double the support is required.

I was contacted by several supportive club officials and delegates weeks ahead of the AGM, this was both encouraging and helpful for proxy matching. However, I still had to phone around using the list of conference attendees, attempting to locate additional potential proxies. My thanks to the patient folk who on answering their phone found me on the other end. However inconvenienced and whatever their viewpoint, they were very helpful, even when my call was futile because they were only going to Harrogate for the golf

comp, Tangent AGM or sightseeing!

On reflection, it's been a privilege to have had the support of members of Retford 41 Club and Chorley Rural 41 Club. I extend my thanks to many others, supporters who helped make an impact, albeit not quite large enough to change the rules.

I also hope the pragmatists continue to thwart what have become, in the plight of declining Round Table membership, organisationally destructive membership rules.

Steve Richardson, IPC Retford 41 Club

#### PRESIDENT INDUCTS NEW MEMBER ON SKYPE!

National President Terry used Skype to induct Andy McAlavey into Grosvenor Knights of Chester 41 Club whilst Andy was on holiday in Portugal. Using a computer with a Webcam and and a large screen the attendees at Grosvenor Knights of Chester 41 Club at their 30th Charter event last Friday were able to watch the induction live. Also being inducted simultaneously in the room was Richard Charlton to make the total two new members on the night. Not wanting to miss out on his special 70th Anniversary Pin Andy had asked his new club to set up the link so the induction could take place. President Terry commented "It was no different to the real thing except Andy was in a bar in Portugal with a glass of beer in his hand instead of being in the room". Terry continued by saying "Andy could hear us and we could hear him so the process, although novel, was a complete success." Chester Chairman David Smith will keep Andy's Special Pin safe for him until the next meeting.

The evening itself, in the Crown Plaza in Chester, was excellent and attended by Councillor Hugo Deynem, The Lord Mayor, with Paul Armstrong a well know local 41er entertaining everyone with his stories.



#### CLASSIC RALLY - SHRIGLEY HALL



the Anderton Boat Lift, Joderell Bank and the Concorde at Manchester Airport.

A full report will appear in the November club magazine.

In the meantime see the item later in this newsletter as Ampthill will be organising a similar event in Bedfordshire in September.

The sun shone brightly over Cheshire on the weekend of 4th/5th July and over 40 cars attended the Classic Rally. This year's attendance was double that of the first event in 2014.

It was a great weekend of fun and fellowship and included visits to several engineering marvels in Cheshire, including



#### L'ENTENTE CORDIALE IS ALIVE AND WELL

.When tentative approaches were made from the 41ers of Aix en Provence 108 to link up with a Scottish 41 Club, Troon seemed like the perfect partner. Direct flights were available between Marseilles and Prestwick, courtesy of Ryanair. There was a common interest for members of both clubs in golf and a common enjoyment of friendship, food and whisky. In 2008 the first visit took place in Troon, followed the next year by a return visit to Aix. Both weekends were hugely successful and they have continued every year since.

While the travelling was straightforward in the early years, Ryanair soon decided that direct flights between Prestwick and Marseilles could not stay in their programme just to help some 41ers, so the routes became more complicated, but the weekend is still thriving.



#### Troon 41 Club

In May this year there were 8 of us who had a great weekend with our very friendly hosts.

Despite some of us, from both clubs, being less than fluent in languages, we manage to communicate very well in a thoroughly convivial atmosphere. There are sufficient linguists among us and the odd song thrown in helps!





#### J Maurel, R Peat, C Monjo

On the Saturday we were royally entertained with a visit to Salon de Provence, where after a visit to the local castle we had lunch at the excellent Chateau Le Richebois. This is where Salon de Provence 41 Club hold their meetings.

Former Salon President Jacques Maurel, President Claude Monjo of Aix en Provence and IRO Ronnie Peat from Troon gave brief speeches of welcome and thanks.



#### Aix and Troon 41ers and Wives

The Sunday featured a trip to the cave at Terre de Mistral where we had a wine tasting and lunch.

We were blessed with excellent weather, as expected, and after each day's exertions we gathered at the house of one of our hosts, where we had a sun-filled evening of inter club camaraderie and drink.

Eight years and counting.

A la prochaine fois!

Ronnie Peat, IRO, Troon 41 Club

### Can you help with a home hosting exchange?

Aurel Jianu, the IPP of 41 club Romania, is looking for home-hosted accommodation for the period of the Half Year Meeting in Birmingham in October, in return he would like to home-host you for the Romanian AGM in September. The HYM will be taking place on 23rd-25th October and the accommodation would need to be in easy commuting distance to central Birmingham.





# HONORARY WEBMASTER VACANCY

#### **Applications are invited for the position of Honorary Webmaster**

41 Club currently has a vacancy for this position which is an honorary member of the National Council.

The main responsibilities are:

- 1. Maintain the content of the 41 Club Website front page ensuring it provides a lively and up to date site conforming to current good practice.
- 2. Regularly add content to news items in particular to ensure regular visitors have new information to maintain interest and encourage repeat visits.
- 3. Liaise with all members of National Council ensuring their own pages have up to date information and reports
- 4. Ensure calendars are updated by liaising with the Association, President, Vice President, Regions, clubs and International.
- 5. Ensure all Clubs and Officer Information is accurate when published on the site.
- 6. Assist the Fellowship Officer in promoting events both National and local.
- 7. Promote a Round Table Family ethos.
- 8. Assist the National Council in achieving of its Objectives.
- 9. Act as technical expertise for the Association in matters relating to the web site liaising where necessary with external technical consultants. Assist in maintaining a corporate image with regard to all publications.
- 10. Participate in and be a member of the Communications Committee
- 11. Participate in, and attend all National Council Meetings providing a report to the National Secretary of activities prior to each meeting
- 12. Carry out all reasonable requests as determined by the National Board.

If you think that you are the right person for this job and would like to apply please contact comms@41club.org and we will send you a full job description.

Anyone who is a declared member of 41 Club on the CAS database may apply for this position.

Closing date for applications is 31st July 2015

# HELP FOR NEPAL - JASON THOMSON ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WRITES.....

I am very proud to be a Tabler and supporting all that is happening for Round Table Nepal to make a difference for the rebuilding of their future. PLEASE join us by making a donation knowing the funds go direct to those working on the ground in the name of the Round Table Family. It has been very humbling to see all the messages of support, now lets put them into action and put your donation through a special new webpage www.all4nepal.org

The collected amount so far is €71,031.45



# CLASSIC RALLY - SOUTH - 19TH-20TH SEPTEMBER 2015



CLASSIC RALLS

In 2015 you have a second opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of 41 Club classic car owners as Ampthill & District 41 Club are organising a Classic Rally in Bedfordshire on the weekend of 19th to 20th September. Those who have attended the previous rallies at Hinckley last year and/or Shrigley Hall this July will confirm that we have a really great time meeting, chatting, touring places of interest and comparing cars with fellow 41ers. The evening meal too is an from all over the country. It is very much an event for couples.

opportunity to get to know 41ers

The venue for the weekend is the Cross Keys pub at Pulloxhill and local hotel accommodation is available for those requiring it.

The provisional programme for the Rally is:

- Saturday 10.00 11.30 Registration at the Cross Keys Public House Pulloxhill, Beds MK45 5HB with tea or coffee
- Saturday lunch Bar food available in the pub.
- Saturday afternoon drive the 8 miles to Woburn Abbey to visit the gardens, refreshment will be available at the Coffee Shop within the Abbey Grounds. The Show Bus Event will be taking place that weekend at Woburn but they have agreed to allocate us parking for 30 cars. Cost will be £5.75 for Adults and £4.75 concessions.
- Saturday Evening Social event in a marquee behind the pub, with a 3 course meal and entertainment for £35 per head.
- Sunday Morning 10.00 meet at the Cross Keys for coffee then drive the 12 miles to Shuttleworth to visit the the Shuttleworth Collection cost £10 and the Swiss Garden cost £6 with a joint ticket for both Collection and Garden £14.50

Please Contact Colin Bailey (col.bailey@virginmedia.com) for further details of the event and to make a booking.

The Rally is open to all 41ers and their partners. Your 'classic' does not have to be old ,just a vehicle that you are proud to share with fellow members.



## Discover WOBURN ABBEY

The historic home of the Earls and Dukes of Bedford for nearly 400 years. Uncover the family's fascinating stories set against the backdrop of over 250 works of art displayed in more than 20 rooms. Abbey updgrade is available on the day, if not already included in your ticket.

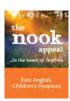






#### **FUTURE EVENTS**





41 Club Special 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Charity Dinner Dance

Region 17 – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

Dunston Hall Hotel & Country Club, Norwich

A Dazzling Array of Entertainment will be seen and heard on this Very

Special Occasion to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Charter of 41 Club,

prepare your best outfit and dancing shoes for one of Norfolk's

favourite live bands – The Collective.

We also have worldwide renowned Roy Davenport of Davenport's Magic Kingdom providing a live show at the event.

One of the best function rooms Dunston Hall will undergo a specially themed transformation for the evening to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Charter of 41 Club; this really will be an event not to be missed!

Price per person including a three course dinner: £43

(early bird cost before 1st July 2015)

Limited Places Available - Book Early to Avoid Disappointment

**CLICK HERE TO BOOK DINNER DANCE** 

The nominated charity for this event is The Nook Appeal raising funds for a new Norfolk children's hospice for EACH



#### OXFORD COLLEGE DINNER 2015

(Formally Region 20 Dinner)

Somerville College Oxford





Somerville College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford in England. Founded in 1879 as Somerville Hall, it was one of the first women's colleges in Oxford. Today, around 50% of students are male. Margaret Thatcher was a student there.

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2015 - 7:30 FOR 8:00pm

Black Tie & Jewels
Entertainment
Three Course Dinner & Coffee
'College price' beers, wine and port!
National Presidents visit
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event
One of 41 Club's 'Top Twelve' events

£40 per head

For further information and to reserve your seat for this prestigious occasion, contact **Derek Knowlden** 

region20@41club.org



Organised by Isis Area 41 Club



## TWO CHARTERS - ONE VERY SPECIAL



#### THE VILLAGE HOTEL CHEADLE FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2015

BOOK EARLY – EMAIL
cgrt41charter@gmail.com
FOR DETAILS

#### PRESIDENT AND VP WALK THE MILLENIUM WAY!

Glorious sunshine and local club members welcomed the new National President of 41 Club, Terry Cooper, when he arrived in Solihull to take part in a specially organised walk along a section of the magnificent Millennium Way. Also present were National Vice-President Barry Durman and his wife Rachel, who live in Shirley, and Chris Tayler, who originally devised the whole project.

Terry and his wife Lin, who run a successful business networking company, had made the journey from their home near Bristol to find out more about the Millennium Way, since members of Solihull 41 Club (who are all former members of Round Table) created the 100 mile walk at the turn of the century. They were also delighted to receive a donation for the Stroke Association.

This beautiful linear walk, fully adopted by the Ordnance Survey, winds its way through the Heart of England via Solihull between Pershore and Banbury, offering something for every walker or rambler. Since the creation of the main walk, 44 short circular ones ranging from three to ten miles have been added to the route, nine of these within Solihull Borough. Full details of the Millenium Way can be seen at www.walking.41club.org, or by googling Millennium Way.

Following the walk Terry said: "It's a long standing tradition for each year's new President to nominate a charity close to his heart, seeking support from the hundreds of our local clubs



around the country. My nomination is the Stroke Association and I really do appreciate the contribution made today, which takes the total raised since taking office just seven weeks ago to over £7,000. Today's walk has been a wonderful experience and I do heartily congratulate Solihull 41 Club not only for devising this remarkable achievement, but also maintaining and developing its success".

**Peter Wellings** 















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